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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DEFECTION BY MEMBERS OF CZECH HOCKEY
TEAM

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT FIVE MEMBERS OF THE
CZECH HOCKEY TEAM ARE PLANNING TO DEFECT TO THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY IN BONN SOMETIME DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

2. GUIDANCE: WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY HELD THE OPINION THAT
ASYLUM IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE REQUEST IS MADE. UNLESS THE
EMBASSY DEEMS THAT THERE ARE COGENT REASONS FOR NOT DOING
SO, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS
PRACTICABLE OF ANY REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM. HOWEVER, AS CZECHS,
IF IT IS THE INTENTION OF ANY DEFECTORS TO COME TO THE
U.S., IT APPEARS THAT THEY MAY QUALIFY TO APPLY FOR U.S.
CONDITIONAL ENTRY UNDER SECTION 203(A) (7) OF THE INA. THEY
WOULD HAVE TO PROCEED TO A POST, SUCH AS FRANKFURT, WHERE
INS OFFICERS PROCESS CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS.

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EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT COMPLETE NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF

BIRTH IN ORDER FOR DEPT. TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY NAME CHECKS
FOR EACH POTENTIAL APPLICANT. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PER
2 FAM 227 AND 228 SHOULD ALSO BE TRANSMITTED (STATE A-6610
OF AUG. 20, 1974 MAY ALSO BE HELPFUL). KISSINGER

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